

Nigra scale (*Parasaissetia nigra*)

- Common in Southern CA; intercepted in shipments from HI & FL.
- Hosts: polyphagous. Common hosts are: *Ficus*; Ivy; Ginger; *Heliconia*; Ti; Betel; *Protea*; *Monstera*; *Gardenia*; *Schinus molle*; Bay laurel; *Shefflera*; Guava; Banana; *Eugenia*; Orchids; *Philodendron*; Azalea; Aralia; Quenepas (*Melicocca bijuga*); *Melaleuca*; *Citrus*; *Tristania*; Magnolia; *Jacaranda*; *Prunus*; *Ulmus*; Mango; *Litchi*; Sapote; Oleander; *Lagerstroemia*; *Umbellularia*; *Plumeria*; *Rhaphis*; *Phoenix roebelenii*; Kentia palm; King palm; Coconut; Fishtail palm; Sago palm (*Cycas*, *Zamia*).
- Field ID: Adult female 3-4 mm long, body yellow to brown or black, with **reticulated** (netlike) **dorsum**, flat to convex, and oval to elongated, depending on the host. Larva yellowish green and flat. Males unknown.

